

## **Local Integration**

**Goals and Expectations of Local Integrating Organizations:** Implement and foster implementation of the Action Agenda. Integrate local community efforts.

### **Roles, Responsibilities, and Scope of Work for Local Integrating Organizations.**

- Advise the Partnership on local priorities in the Action Agenda.
- Integrate local organizations' planning, implementation strategies, and funding.
- Develop funding strategy for local Action Agenda implementation.
- Provide assistance to enhance implementation work by local groups.
- Support local organizations' efforts to sequence and prioritize actions and funding alternatives
- Work cooperatively to implement strategic actions in the Action Agenda.
- Base work on the best scientific information available, including from tribal, local, state, federal and the Puget Sound Partnership's scientific staff and Science Panel.
- Evaluate progress implementing the Action Agenda at the local scale. Report on implementing the Action Agenda at the local scale.
- Make recommendations to change the Action Agenda.

### **Criteria and process for selecting local integrating organizations:**

Local integrating organizations will be recognized that have:

- Strong support from the local community and are broadly inclusive.
- Strong capacity to execute roles, responsibilities, and the scope of work.

Local Governments and tribes have been invited to consult with each other and with groups sponsoring or administering watershed programs to evaluate options for organizing a local integrating group. In many cases, an existing organization will be supported to undertake this role. In other cases, a new organization could be formed.

**Joint Tribal-Local Government Recommendation.** After consulting locally, tribes and local governments from a local area have been invited to make a joint recommendation regarding local integration. It is hoped that this recommendation would identify the local integrating organization and would propose an initial scope of work and geography for the local integrating organization.

## **Leadership Council**

Partnership staff will prepare an analysis of this recommendation for the Leadership Council. Based on the local recommendation and partnership staff analysis, the Leadership Council will be asked to decide whether to recognize the local integrating organization and whether to accept its proposed scope of work.